

Some Character Sketches of Frolicsome Dan Cupid

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By Nell Brinkley



Locked out in the cold, Cupid pleads to be taken into your heart, and when he does win your pity he becomes master instead of suppliant.



"Love's a fiddler, life's a dance," and before all is over and done with we must dance to the tune he plays, be it merry or sad—we all must dance.



My Lady is a wonder and a mystery to everybody but Cupid. Sometimes her frills and fixing stumps even the wise little god, and here he is caught in the act of examining the accessories to the toilet and the first aids to beauty on My Lady's dressing table.



And many a time and oft Cupid sits with "the gloom upon him." He has the weight of the world upon his shoulders and can't always make things go right.



His best role is that of "Old Doc Cupid." This is where he really shines. His prescription is love—ever more love—for all ailments.

Social and Personal

Miss Theresa Nurney, of Suffolk, has been spending the past several weeks in Florida as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camp, at their estate there. A great deal of entertaining has been done for Miss Nurney during her visit, and she won the trophy last week at the golf tournament at the clubhouse near the Camp home, on the Florida coast. Miss Nurney and her party are leaving this week with their guests, Miss Nurney, and a party of friends in the Gulf of Mexico, on board their yacht, Miss Nurney will come to Richmond to visit relatives here on her return from Florida next month.

Mr. James C. Smyth will leave town on Tuesday for New York, where she will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Meacham, for an extended stay. On her return to Richmond Mrs. Smyth will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Grace Meacham, who will spend the spring season in this city.

The "Mikado" rehearsals for the "Mikado," which is to be given at Easter by the Girls' Auxiliary to the Belle Bryan Day Nursery, are progressing finely. They are held Tuesday and Thursday of each week, and all accounts of the production are most favorable. Last winter the auxiliary gave the Society Vaudeville, which is decidedly the best amateur performance that has been given in Richmond since the days when "The Chimes of Normandy" and "Pinafore" were presented by a coterie of belles and beaux, long famous in social history of the city.

The cast for the "Mikado" includes some of the most prominent society girls and men in town, and society will be out in full force to witness its presentation.

Visiting Here.

Mrs. Bessie Ellyson Taylor, of Chicago, is spending some time in this city.

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city. Mrs. Taylor is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Theodore Ellyson, at their home, 514 Park Avenue.

Prospect Engagement.

"Mrs. Henry Warfield Ransom has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Anne Crossan Cooper Ransom, to E. Everett Gibbs, son of Mrs. Augustus Gibbs and the late Mr. Gibbs, of Brighton, Maine. Miss Ransom, who is one of the most beautiful girls in Baltimore, made her debut several years ago at the Bachelors' Cotillion, since which time she has been not only a belle in this city, but in Philadelphia and New York, where she has spent much time. Her father, the late Henry Warfield Ransom, was very popular in society, as is also her mother, who was formerly the beautiful Miss Nannie Cooper, from whom Miss Ransom inherits her charm of manner as well as good looks. Miss Ransom is a granddaughter of Major J. A. R. Ransom, a niece of J. Crossan Cooper, Mrs. Harry P. Hall, Mrs. Charles I. James and Mrs. Nathaniel W. James, and a sister of Miss Virginia Ransom and Mrs. Benson Mann, Jr., of Philadelphia. Mr. Gibbs is a nephew of Major John Sears Gibbs and a cousin of John S. Gibbs, Jr., and Rufus Macqueen Gibbs, of this city, where he has been living some time and where he is a member of the leading clubs. The wedding will be among the fashionable events of next fall."

Friend Inauguration.

Miss Marie Alvey, of 515 West Grace Street, will be the guest of Miss Ellen Hay, daughter of Congressman Hay, in Washington, where she will be the guest of friends in this city for a short stay.

Senator and Mrs. Hoke Smith will entertain a house party during inauguration week at their home on California Avenue, in Washington. Among those who will be in the party from Atlanta are Miss Amelia Smith, Miss Jane Cooper, Miss Callie Smith, Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, L. P. Montgomery and others.

Misses Lucy and Callie Hoke Smith are at present on a trip to Panama with Congressman and Mrs. Dudley M. Hughes. They expect to return to Washington in time for the inauguration.

Musical Tea.

Mrs. Corinne Rider-Kelsey will give the following program on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel.

1. A Pastoral.....Carey
"How Sweet is Sleep".....English
"I've Been Roaming".....Horn
"Nymphs and Shepherds".....Purcell
"The Watermill".....Griff
"Die Mägenacht".....Rahms
"Auftrage".....Schumann
2. "Vissi d'Arte" (from "La Tosca").....Puccini
"Non la Sospir" (from "La Tosca").....Puccini
3. "Spooks".....Laforgue
"The Bluebell".....MacDowell
"Shougele Shou, My Balmie".....Henschell
"Chanson Provençal".....Dell Aquia
This is the third and last of a series of musical teas that have been given here this month.

Important Meetings.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday morning, February 26, at 11 o'clock, in the Confederate Museum. This is a very important meeting, and all members of the society are urged to be present.

St. John's Circle of King's Daughters will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. R. S. Ellyson, at her home, 223 West Grace Street. The date for the annual entertainment given by this circle has been set for April 3, at the John Marshall High School. The Bachelors' Congress' being the name of the play to be presented.

Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones, of 2815 Venable Street, were at home on last Thursday afternoon in honor of the eighth birthday of their little daughter, Christina Elizabeth. Misses Kate Phillips and Birdie Jones assisted Mrs. Jones in receiving the little guests. The dining table was decorated in pink and green, and in the center of the table was the birthday cake, bearing eight lighted candles. The popularity of the little hostess was shown by numerous gifts she received. Those present were Misses Christina Jones, Gertrude Burk, Georgia Apperson, Thelma Hobson, Irene Whitlock, Elsie Doyle, Gladys McLane, Bessie Moody, Viola Simms, Louise Wright, Lottie Garrett, Louise McLand, Florence Roach, Mollie Jenkins, Masters Ernest Jordan, Lennie Andrews, Fleming Wright, Frank Lamb, James Lowry, Irvin Lamb.

In and Out of Town.

Mrs. Grenville Gaines, of Warrenton, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Bell, at the Shenandoah Apartments.

Miss Blanche Patton, of Danville, is spending some time with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. Richard T. Crane, of Chicago, is visiting her brother, Malcolm Crane, at his home, 2236 Monument Avenue.

Morson Keith is returning to-day to the University of Virginia, after a short visit to this city.

Miss Frances Lynn Humphrey, who was operated on for appendicitis, at the Retreat for the Sick last week, is now rapidly improving.

John Akin Branch has recently been the guest of friends in New York City.

Miss Jack Stearns is leaving short-

ly for Palm Beach, Fla., where she will spend some time.

Miss Lucy Gwathmey has gone to Lexington, where she will be the guest of relatives this week.

Miss Helen Bailey, who has been visiting in Richmond, has returned to Gordonsville.

Miss Jennie Latham, of Culpeper, is the guest of friends in this city for a short stay.

Miss Cammie Cary has gone to Frederickburg, where she is visiting the Misses Somerville.

Mrs. George E. Seay, who has been in this city for some time, has returned to her home in Blackstone.

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BY LA MARQUESE DE FONTENAY.

SINCE Pius X. has thrown open the ranks of his Noble Guard to Americans of the Roman Catholic creed, and of unexceptionable record, whose applications to join it are endorsed by their diocesan, and who are willing to serve the Holy Father in a military capacity without pay or allowances, it may be well to explain just what the Noble Guard really is.

Unlike the Swiss Guard and the Papal Guard of the Pontiff, it is of relatively modern origin. It was instituted on May 11, 1891, by Pius VIII, to take the place of the so-called Cavallegieri, who were abolished by the French republic when its armies seized Rome in 1798. The Cavallegieri had been in existence since the reign of Leo X.

The Noble Guard of the Pope was designed at the time of the creation of the corps to serve as his principal bodyguard, and more especially to act as his mounted escort when he drove through the streets of Rome. Until the overthrow of the temporal sovereignty of the papacy in 1870, it was a mounted corps. But since that time its horses have been done away with, and although its members still wear the breeches, the big jackboots and the spurs of a cavalier, there are many of them who have never been astride a horse in their life. Their duties nowadays are almost exclusively ornamental, the actual guarding being done by the Swiss Guard, which dates back as far as the days of Michael Angelo, who designed its queer medieval uniform. Still, the Noble Guard makes a brave show on all state occasions, and its members are always on duty in the antechambers of the Holy Father, and in attendance upon him when he appears at any ceremony, or when he takes his daily airing in the grounds of the Vatican.

In its inception, it was decided to restrict the Noble Guard exclusively to scions of the patrician families of Rome, that is to say, of families whose names appear in the Golden Book of Rome, compiled some 300 years ago, and which included only those who at that time could show a noble ancestry extending back two or more centuries. But the world is full of impracticable, and during the last few decades more have been admitted to the Noble Guard whose nobility was of very recent origin.

Now even this standard has been found difficult to maintain, largely owing to the fact that military service is obligatory upon every Italian citizen, and that it is impracticable to be a soldier or a commissioned officer of the Pope and of the King at one and the same time. That is why the Noble Guard is now being thrown open to foreigners, instead of being restricted as heretofore entirely to Romans.

The rank and file have hitherto received pay at the rate of 10 francs per diem, while the stipends of the officers have been correspondingly large. This remuneration will be continued to those who are already enrolled, but those who join from now on will be required to serve without pay.

From the time of the creation of the corps until several years ago its command was vested in the hands of a prince, or another of the princes of the historic house of Aitieri. But since the death of Don Paolo of that ilk, who left a son under age, it has been commanded by Prince Camillo Bonaparte, of the senior branch of that ancient family, and whose mother was one of the best known figures of Rome, where she virtually ruled society, her salons being for near half a century the rendezvous of the aristocracy of Rome, famous in all Italy. One of Don Camillo's sons is married to Miss Ethel Bronson, of New York. Another son, Prince Ludovico, is also married to an American woman, formerly Miss Mildred Hazeltine, while Don Camillo's eldest brother, Giuseppe, who is also Duke of Zagorale, is the prince whose marriage to Miss Mary Reid, of New Orleans, formerly Mrs. Parkhurst, has given rise to so many ecclesiastical lawsuits at the Vatican.

It may be added that the uniform of the Noble Guard, at any rate the one in which they are usually seen, consists of a black tunic, with gold epaulettes, dark blue trousers, gold braided, and steel helmets, with a gold crest.

Prince Louis of Bavaria has just issued an amnesty in honor of his accession to the regency of the kingdom—an amnesty which has had the effect of restoring to freedom near 2,000 prisoners and of reducing the sentences of as many more.

Amnesties are few and far between, especially those which restore to the benefited the rights of citizenship. Napoleon III. granted an amnesty to all political offenders at the close of his victorious campaign in Italy in 1859, and his uncle, the first Emperor of the French, issued a similar amnesty after his return from Elba. The present French republic, on the recommendation of Gambetta, issued in January, 1879, an amnesty in favor of the 2,245 men and women sentenced to various terms of penal servitude for

their participation in the Commune insurrection of 1871, one of the persons thus benefited being Camille Barrere, to-day French ambassador at Rome, and another, Henri Rochefort, Marquis de Rochefort-Luca, the veteran Parisian journalist. England has enacted four amnesties, namely, at the time of the Stuart restoration, in 1661, and after each of the two Jacobite rebellions, in 1719 and 1746, and again in 1903 to the Boers. Emperor Francis Joseph granted an amnesty in 1867 to all those concerned in the Hungarian insurrection of 1849, one of its leaders, Count Julius Andrássy, who had escaped the gallows only by flight, being subsequently appointed by him to the chancellorship of the dual empire.

Here in the United States amnesties were granted in 1865, and again in 1871, to all those concerned in the Confederate struggle against the Union. Thanks to this, Confederate statesmen and soldiers have been able to achieve distinction by the brilliancy of their services to the United States and by their staunch championship of Uncle Sam. It was the amnesty, in fact, that rendered it possible for President McKinley to take the command of the cavalry in the brief but successful war with Spain, in 1898, to that gallant ex-Confederate General Joe Wheeler.

In response to an inquiry from a reader, it may be said that there is no legal objection to an elderly spinster describing herself as "Mrs.," which is, of course, an abbreviation of "mistress"—always providing she does not make use of the style for purposes of obtaining money, goods or credit by false pretenses. The right of a married woman to call herself by her husband's name is derived from the common law. On the other hand, a husband has no legal means of compelling his wife to take his name, which is worth while remarking in these times of rampant feminism.

This right of maidens to the title of Mrs. is restricted to English-speaking countries, and on the Continent of Europe it is only certain spinsters who are conceded the title and status of a married woman. Thus, the spinsterhood of the various orders of feminine chivalry are invariably addressed as "Madame," and have all the authority and powers of a chaperon in society, while not long ago Emperor Francis Joseph bestowed, by patent, upon several spinster schoolmistresses, in recognition of their many years of excellent service in the state schools, the title of madame and the status of a married woman.

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